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Re: Application of: David S. Breed et al.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 30, 2002

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a list of references including those cited during the prosecution of the parent applications, U.S. patent application Ser. Nos. 09/901,879, 09/849,559, 09/193,209, 09/128,490, 08/474,783 and 08/970,822, and additional references of which one or more of the applicants is aware. A copy of each of the references can be found in the parent applications or is enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing each of the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

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Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/901,879 filed Jul. 9, 2001, Ser. No. 09/849,559 filed May 4, 2001, Ser. No. 09/193,209 filed Nov. 17, 1998, Ser. No. 09/128,490 filed Aug. 4, 1998, Ser. No. 08/474,783 filed Jun. 7, 1995 and Ser. No. 08/970,822 filed Nov. 14, 1997.

This application is:

a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/901,879 filed Jul. 9, 2001 which is;

a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/849,559 filed May 4, 2001 which is;

a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/193,209 filed Nov. 17, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,242,701, which is;

a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/128,490 filed Aug. 4, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,078,854, which is;

a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/474,783 filed Jun. 7, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,707; and

a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/970,822 filed Nov. 14, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,081,757.

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Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

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Enclosures
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